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Applicants have now become aware of an obvious typographical error in the specification at page 6, 5 lines from the top of the page, and in claim 111, and are requesting that the errors be corrected pursuant to the amendments presented herein.

In brief, the expression $M(NRR')_4$ has been replaced by the correct expression $M(NRR')_2$. Applicants respectfully submit that it would be obvious to one of skill in the art that the expression should be $M(NRR')_2$ when R and R' are each independently an organic group and M is selected from the group consisting of barium, strontium, calcium, and magnesium. The amendment is further supported by the specification at, for example, page 10, line numbers 19-21, which states that "[t]he Group IIA metal precursor compounds useful in this invention are of the formula $M(NRR')_2$ (Formula I) wherein R and R' are each independently an organic group."

Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments to correct obvious typographical errors require no additional search or examination and that the claims remain patentable for the reasons of record. Consideration and entry of the amendments are respectfully requested.

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The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' Representatives, at the below-listed telephone number, if it is believed that prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

Respectfully submitted

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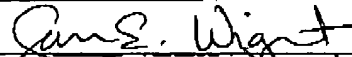
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